

The Ploughman.

BOSTON, SATURDAY, AUG. 3, 1878.

NEW ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.FAIR TO BE HELD IN WORCESTER,
MASSACHUSETTS.

Headquarters New England Agricultural Society, Worcester, Mass., July 1, 1878.

To Farmers, Mechanics, Artisans and
all other Persons Interested in the
Exhibition of the New England Agricul-
tural Society for the year 1878.

The New England Agricultural Society has perfected an arrangement with the Worcester Agricultural Society, by which it is to be held in the city of Worcester, Mass., from Wednesday, Thursday, day of August, Sept. 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th, 1878.

The Exhibition will be open at ten o'clock in the forenoon, Tuesday, Sept. 3d, and close on the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 6th.

It is to be held in every department and to last out a liberal Premium List is published in the Massachusetts Ploughman, and will be issued in pamphlet form at an early date.

Correspondence is invited upon any and all subjects connected with the contemplated Exposition.

DANIEL NEEDHAM, Secretary.

Secretary New England Agricultural Society.

NEW ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

To the Presidents and Officers of all State, County and Town Agricultural Societies, and to all Masters of Grange in the New England States.

Greeting:

The New England Agricultural Society has perfect arrangements with the Worcester Agricultural Society, and the annual exhibition will be held in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, commencing the first Tuesday of September and continuing four days. The location of the city of Worcester is most favorable as a central point, and will meet the wants of the people there more promptly and better than any other place.

The local central office will be No. 344 Main street, Worcester, Mass., Geo. H. Estabrook, local Secretary. The office at 45 Milk street, Boston, will be open from A. M. to 3 P. M., 5 days in week or more persons will be in constant attendance.

The enthusiasm with which the people have greeted the location of the Fair at Worcester, leads the officers of both the New England and Worcester Agricultural Societies to believe the Fair of 1878 will be the most useful of the many and most useful of the exhibitions of the New England Society.

DANIEL NEEDHAM, Secretary.

Boston, July 10th, 1878.

The New England Fair offers the very opportunity for the farmer's vacation. They ought every one to improve it. All work and no play makes men old before their time. The Fair offers a splendid chance for recreation as well as instruction.

The prospect is a rather promising one for serious trouble with Mexico. American troops are said to have already taken possession of certain border States, provided the Anglo-American agreement contradicted the high sounding pretensions of Salisbury's note.

Businesses at the great centres is believed to be slowly reviving, and a greatly improved atmosphere is surely anticipated.

The famous San Joaquin of California has at last been bored, and it remains to be seen what effect it will have.

The simplest and best of the Metropolitan Elevated Railway have been installed from each corner and from the iron structure by feet, and in some cases by hand. It is a decided saving.

Nothing that possesses even a taint of socialism and free trade, is to be found in the city.

The Grange comes in at the right time and in the right place to do the work which has for years stood in need of being done by somebody. Until its organization there was no common authority which agriculture could respect, and no common voice which it could be expected to obey. Now it operates with scarcely less influence over the wide fraternity of farmers than over those who are ready to besiege it with their selfish and destructive designs.

The Grange is to be a power in itself, and it is to be a power to grieve the pretender who is prowling around in his efforts to make of us all others, it is immensely serviceable in clearing out the scrub and sweepings that will inevitably collect about the market town.

The new police Commissioners have issued an important circular in reference to liquor licenses.

The liquor system is extended to third-class theatricals.

A very dangerous hundred dollar counterfeiter on the Pittfield (Mass.) National Bank is in circulation, compelling the withdrawal of the bank's entire sum of demonetized.

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AGRICULTURAL FAIRS FOR 1874.

New England Fair at Worcester, Mass., Sept. 3, 4, 5 & 6.

STATE FAIRS IN NEW ENGLAND.

Maine, Portland, Oct. 12-13.

New Hampshire, at Manchester, Oct. 12-13.

Vt., St. Albans, Sept. 10-12.

Mass., Charlestown, Boston, Sept. 20 to Nov. 2.

Connecticut, Hartford, Sept. 20 to 12.

NEW ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

SCALE OF POINTS OF EXCELLENCE FOR THE FAIR OF 1874,

As established by the New York State Agricultural Society, 1853.

STATE FAIRS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

American Institute, N. Y. city, Sept. 11 to Nov. 3.

Indiana, Indianapolis, Sept. 30 to Oct. 13.

Illinoian, Chicago, Sept. 21 to 25.

Michigan, Detroit, Sept. 10 to 21.

Minnesota, St. Paul, Sept. 10 to 21.

Cedar Rapids, Sept. 10 to 21.

Montana, Great Falls, Sept. 1 to 27.

Nebraska, Lincoln, Sept. 10 to 21.

California, Sacramento, Sept. 10 to 21.

Georgia, Atlanta, Sept. 10 to 21.

North Carolina, Waverly, Sept. 10 to 21.

Colorado, Denver, Sept. 10 to 21.

Dakota, Sioux City, Sept. 10 to 21.

Michigan, Port Huron, Sept. 2 to 27.

Massachusetts, Boston, Oct. 7 to 12.

Virginia, Richmond, Sept. 10 to 13.

Iowa, Des Moines, Sept. 3 to 10.

Kansas, Topeka, Kansas City Sept. 21 to 28.

Oregon, Portland, Aug. 27 to 29.

Connecticut, New Haven, Sept. 1 to 27.

Texas, Austin, Sept. 1 to 22.

Arkansas, Little Rock, Sept. 1 to 22.

Louisiana, New Orleans, Sept. 1 to 22.

Mississippi, Jackson, Sept. 1 to 22.

Alabama, Birmingham, Sept. 1 to 22.

Tennessee, Memphis, Sept. 1 to 22.

South Carolina, Columbia, Sept. 1 to 22.

Georgia, Atlanta, Sept. 1 to 22.

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The Poet's Corner.

THE RACE OF LIFE.

This world is but a vast arena,
When all will run, to gain a prize;
But those that run must run and prove,
Of summing, if they are not wise.

What first you need is proper training;
Don't strike for victory unprepared;

For many others, both succeed;

The race is won, their limbs have bared,

Next strive to grow in self-reliance;

Your mates are sinks—not your friends;

Who call to aid such tricks as science,

Or long experiences,

Nor wait for lads to please to measure;

Your chance a victor's part ill;

When you run well'll you save disappearance,

For most of those that run ill.

Be steady, never in a hurry.

Reserve your strength and save your breath—

The race is long, and roads always hilly;

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But if success, to all appears,

Eludes your grasp through sheer ill-luck,

Most evil chance with perseverance;

The Saxon's last, best hold is pluck.

Thus struggling on, what's heid the race,

Though off you fall, 'tis off to rise,

While many fail, than is fit to rise,

You will at last secure your prize.

—from *Times Register*.

Ladies' Department.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE.

AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY.

BY CHARLES L. HILDRETH.

(From *Y. Sunday Times and Messenger*.)

There were six of us seated before a blazing fire which cast a glorious glare into the otherwise unlighted room. Outside a winter storm howled over the chimney, and here we could hear the gout rustling among the naked hills, now pluming sharply through the skeleton bones of the trees, again while the house held well, there was a sharp sound, that might well have proceeded from the threats of evil things riding upon the wind. The ghostly spirit of the storm seemed to have passed over, even though our comforter for the first time had got it, I know not, how, upon that dismal of all subjects, Death.

We had canvassed the theme pretty thoroughly before we discovered that two of our number, the Professor and the Doctor, had taken no part in the conversation. They were silent, as was natural, from the first of us, and the ordinary expression of countenance seemed to have given way to a more sombre, and more than once we had detected the exchange of a strangely significant glance between them.

As may readily supposed, we were slow to press them for an explanation of their silence, for a moment, at least; but our efforts were fruitless. At last, after much persuasion it was the Professor who spoke:

"Gentlemen," said he gravely, "no man can gain for himself the reputation of a liar or a maniac. Yet that is exactly what you are pressing us both to do. I have no doubt that the experience which I am about to relate will be of interest to you, and more than once we had detected the exchange of a strangely significant glance between them."

There was a touch of sarcasm in the worthy Professor's tone, as in his eagerness to hear his story we found it convenient to disregard him.

"I have continued, I shall risk it. If you choose to disbelieve it why I shall endeavor to have charity for your ignorance and conceit. Now Doctor, if you will hand me the tobacco, and one of those pipes—the rank and bitter ones—will you advance me no unimportant part, will appear absolutely incredible to persons of your advanced view?"

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Having lit his pipe and settled himself comfortably in his chair, he began to speak.

"It must be told, first, that that the Doctor and myself were engaged upon a geological survey of the northern parts of this State. We had indeed diligently sought out the various localities, close of a cold No-ember day, we shrouded our knapsacks and turned our faces homeward.

Our road led through a chain of black and rugged hills toward a frontier town, twenty miles distant, where we intended to take the railroad, more forbidding region it has never seen man. It was perfect chaos, blackened and warped by primeval fire and desolate of the smallest trace of vegetation. We had ascended a thousand feet above our home, and the light of the dull November sky, through crevices of the rocks, and poured noiselessly into deep and shadowy glens, it seemed as if the bright death had fallen upon the whole country.

Well knowing the risks of attempting to proceed through such a region after nightfall, we halted at sunset, and building a fire at the foot of a crag, disposed ourselves to rest as well as we might. Exhausted with the toil of the day, the Doctor was soon asleep, and I was not long in following his example.

"How long I had numbered I knew not, when suddenly, right after sunset, I heard a sound that could be no human being in the neighborhood beside ourselves, the sound which had alarmed me must have been a short, sharp, single, high-pitched note. Exclaiming the matter thus, I was on the point of lying down again, when I was arrested by a repetition of the cry. This time, however, it was louder, more宏亮, and it appeared, to me, of the articulation of the telephone, or that of a ventriloquist.

The first word I caught was:

"Oh, I am awake."

"It would be impossible to describe the effect that these words produced upon us. It was not so much the tone, weird and uncanny, as the sound itself, the words that amazed us. Who could have spoken them but the husband of the woman lying stupefied upon the couch? Yet he had been dead for the horror of it, we started up and again examined, not only every sound and cranny of the hut, itself, but even the space beneath for many yards around. There was no human being beside ourselves in the vicinity."

We again scrutinized the spot, and it appeared that there was nothing but a small, wretched-looking hole, half buried in the earth, and evidently constructed by hands unused to such labor, unplaned and without tools. Through the open door we saw the body of a man apparently lifeless, lying prone upon the earthen floor. Beside him, with arms flying wildly, was a young creature, hardly twenty, I should judge, and despite the signs of hardship and sorrow visible on her features, very beautiful. Her form was right and even, though she had been in a short dry dress, preserved trace of former refinement.

"How like it is that you desire?" asked the Doctor, carrying on the strange colloquy with the dead man.

"I hope you'll never meet any of these fairy people," said Jules. "You'd drive us poor devils mad."

"I should have just snatched the little ring from my paw and wrapped them about my shawl until they were warm."

"Well, then, I shall make what you like," said Jules. "Shall I make a ring?"

"No, I will not tell you," said the fairy. "You have kept me standing here long enough."

"In the name of God, assist me back to life!"

The cry was repeated, thick and fast, we noted gazing at each other with aghastly dumbfoundedness, as though we were terribly unnerfed by it. We came ringing up the gorge with a weird and mournful intonation that chilled the blood in my heart. By the Doctor's quick breathing, I knew that he was affected as myself. Neither of us spoke or moved; but both waited for a renewal of the cry, in the hope of arriving some rational explanation.

Again it came; but now like a low tremulous sob. I am not a superstitious man, gentlemen, but I confess I sat there shuddering with a sense of terror, as though it were utterly new to me. What could it be? Not a living woman, surely, alone and suffering in an inaccessible fastness where we were made to believe that there was no human habitation, except it was the abode of the articulation of the telephone, or that of a ventriloquist.

The first word I caught was:

"Be quiet," he muttered. "I am awake and have heard it."

"What can it be?" I asked, anxiously.

"Some unknown human; no, one lives in this region for miles around. Perhaps it is a wild cat."

"Not so, said he, with his eyes closed."

"Such a sound came from the body of a wild cat. There it is again. Listen!"

The cry was repeated, with a woman's voice, but it expressed something miserably without even a trace of fear before it came ringing up the gorge with a weird and mournful intonation that chilled the blood in my heart. By the Doctor's quick breathing, I knew that he was affected as myself. Neither of us spoke or moved; but both waited for a renewal of the cry, in the hope of arriving some rational explanation.

"Help! Oh! On! God! help!"

At this intelligible appeal to our manhood, our superstitious weakness instantly disappeared. Seizing a tomahawk, our unwillingness to be made the工具 of destruction, a pile of rocks a few hundred yards distant whence the sound seemed to come, we started. Scrapping up the height we came along, and at each point of the trail we all stopped to examine the scene. Before us stood a small, wretched-looking hut, evidently constructed by hands unused to such labor, unplaned and without tools. Through the open door we saw the body of a man apparently lifeless, lying prone upon the earthen floor. Beside him, with arms flying wildly, was a young creature, hardly twenty, I should judge, and despite the signs of hardship and sorrow visible on her features, very beautiful. Her form was right and even, though she had been in a short dry dress, preserved trace of former refinement.

"Who is the Doctor's courage deserted him at this point or is it the voice of the dead?" he replied.

"It is possible that the dead can speak," answered the Doctor.

"No, for the intelligence never died," returned the voice. "My body is indeed dead, but my soul is still alive, and I am still here, though I am weak and feeble. What is it that I say when we bade you go?"

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